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SUBJECT: LAMBSDORFF-ROTH MEETING

1. IN THE COURSE OF A MEETING BETWEEN ECONOMICS
MINISTER LAMBSDORFF AND SENATOR ROTH, LAMBSDORFF
REVIEWED THE FORTHCOMING ECONOMIC SUMMIT, THE MTN AND
TRADE RELATIONS WITH JAPAN.

2. SUMMIT: LAMBSDORFF SAID THAT EACH OF THE
PARTICIPANTS WOULD HAVE TO COME WITH SOMETHING TO
OFFER; I.E., U.S.--ENERGY LEGISLATION, JAPAN--IMPROVEMENT
IN TARIFF OFFERS, FRANCE AND UK--COMMITMENTS AGAINST
PROTECTIONISM. GERMANY, OF COURSE, WILL BE EXPECTED
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TO HAVE ECONOMIC STIMULUS MEASURES. LAMBSDORFF
CONCEDED THAT GERMAN GROWTH THIS YEAR WILL BE QUOTE
CONSIDERABLY LESS UNQUOTE THAN 3.5 PERCENT. HE WOULD
NOT SPECULATE AS TO WHAT KIND OF MEASURES WOULD BE
TAKEN BUT SAID THAT HE HAD ADVISED THE CHANCELLOR TO
TAKE ACTION AT THE LAST MINUTE, SO GERMAN WOULDN'T
HAVE TO PAY TWICE.

2. MTN: LAMBSDORFF COMMENTED THAT QUOTE WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME UNQUOTE. THE COMMUNITY NEEDS BETTER TARIFF OFFERS, ESPECIALLY FROM THE JAPANESE. IN TURN, THE EC MUST ACT MORE FAVORABLY ON U.S. AGRICULTURAL REQUESTS.

3. JAPAN: LAMBSDORFF FELT THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME, JAPAN IS SERIOUS ABOUT ITS COMMITMENTS. HE REPEATED THAT THE BIGGEST IMPEDIMENT TO INCREASING WESTERN EXPORTS TO JAPAN IS THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. HE THOUGHT AMBASSADOR STRAUSS EXPECTED TOO MUCH, TOO QUICKLY. THE GERMAN POLICY VIS-A-VIS JAPAN HAS BEEN TO GET THE JAPANESE TO INCREASE IMPORTS, ESPECIALLY OF MANUFACTURED GOODS, NOT TO DECREASE EXPORTS. LAMBSDORFF IS PLANNING A TRIP TO JAPAN IN AUGUST. STOESEL

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